



HEADQUARTERS U. S. MARINE CORPS  
COMMANDANT'S OFFICE  
WASHINGTON

12/4/53 *at*

30 November 1953

My dear Mr. Dulles:

STAT I wish to express my sincere appreciation for the letter written by you on the occasion of the retirement from active duty of [ ] USMC. Retirement ceremonies were held in my office this afternoon for [ ] and I read your letter to the assembled officers as part of the proceedings. STAT

STAT This was a very thoughtful and kind gesture on your part. It was gratifying not only to [ ] but to all of the Marine officers present.

In addition to thanking you for your letter, I want to assure you that the Marine Corps will always be glad to be of any assistance possible to you and the Central Intelligence Agency.

With warm personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

  
LEMUEL C. SHEPHERD, JR.

The Honorable  
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